

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Network-Connectable Printer, Controller Therefor, and Method for Controlling this  
Controller

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as outlined below.

### In the Claims:

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "or 3".

Claim 7, line 1, please delete "or 6".

Claim 14, line 1, please delete "or 13".

Claim 17, line 1, please delete "or 16".

Please add the following new claims:

--21. The ~~printer~~ controller according to claim 3, wherein said alteration means raises the priority of said communication control means higher than the priority of said language control means when said first monitoring means decides that the amount of packet data stored in said first memory is over a specific value.

22. The printer controller according to claim 6, wherein said alteration means raises the priority of said language control means higher than the priority of said communication control means when said second monitoring means decides that the amount of print job data stored in said second memory is over a specific value.